

in good order, that complaint will disappear.

Mr. K. MARULAPPA.—What is the reason for the inadequate supply received by the Madag tank?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We shall examine it.

Restoration of Tanks.

Q.—29. Mr. K. RAMANNA (Hole-Narasipur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of tanks in the State;

(b) (i) how many of them are restored; and (ii) how many remain to be restored;

(c) the total *jamabandi* of lands under tanks for 1937-38;

(d) the amount spent for restoration of tanks in the years 1935-36, 1936-37 and 1937-38?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(a) 23,459 (both major and minor tanks).

(b) (i) 7,450 tanks are restored.

(ii) 16,009 tanks are to be restored.

(c) Rs. 34,56,331-7-2.

	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
12,85,592	11,72,573	16,02,734	

Note.—The figures indicate the total cost on restoration of major and minor tanks and repairs to tanks and channels.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Of the 23,450 tanks in the State how many are major and how many minor?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—

Major Tanks ... 2,656

Minor Tanks ... 20,803

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Out of the 7,450 tanks restored, how many are major and how many minor?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—How many years did it take to restore these tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Quite a long time. It is being done for many years past.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—In the answer, it is stated that in the year 1937-38, a sum of Rs. 16,02,734 was spent for restoration of tanks. Out of this, what was the amount received by way of contribution?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I cannot readily furnish those details.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—How long would it take to restore the remaining 16,000 tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It must necessarily take a long time.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Are the Government not aware that the raiyats will be put to great difficulty if the tanks are not restored early?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Certainly. That is why funds are being provided year after year and works carried out.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Last year, a promise was made that the Beehirak Bachehalli Tank would be taken up. But it is not included in the list of works to be undertaken next year. The preliminary survey is already over and an estimate also has been prepared. Will this work also be included in the next year's programme?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If it is a very urgent work, it can be included.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—How many unrestored tanks will be taken up in each district according to the present programme?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—What is the number of tanks restored in the channel areas and the number awaiting restoration?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—Will the Government expedite the restoration of tanks, particularly in the districts which are not served by channels?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—In how many years, do the Government hope to restore all the tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is not possible to say that.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHY ACHAR.—With reference to the figures furnished in answer to (d) what is the amount

spent each year on the restoration of tanks only?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHY ACHAR.—The information asked for in sub-section (d) relates to the amount spent for restoration of tanks only. But the answer furnishes the total of two items, viz., restoration of old tanks as well as construction of new ones.

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—There would have been no objection to separate figures being furnished if there was sufficient time.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—What is the amount required for restoring all the 16,000 tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is not possible to say that.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Is it not possible to provide funds separately for the restoration of major tanks and for the restoration of minor tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is being done. For minor tank restoration alone, a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs is provided. The provision was originally 1'25 lakhs but it was subsequently raised to Rs. 2 lakhs.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—From the figures furnished in a recent Government Notification, it is found that the average cost of restoring a minor tank will be, on an average, about Rs. 1,900. Is that figure inclusive of contribution also or does it represent the Government's share of the cost only?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is exclusive of contribution amount to be paid by the raiyats.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—If so, what will be the cost to Government?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It depends on the estimated cost of each work.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Taking the total cost of each tank at Rs. 2,000 in round figures, it requires about Rs. 32 lakhs or Rs. 33 lakhs for restoring all the tanks in the State. Cannot the Government prepare a programme, provide this amount somehow and see that all the tanks are restored in the course of 4 or 5 years?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Government are anxious to restore all minor tanks

as early as possible and a triennial programme has been prepared.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—It is because the tanks have not been restored that Government have been put to the necessity of sanctioning remissions year after year. If the Government restore all the tanks, they can save all the loss which they are incurring every year in the shape of remissions. From the point of view of Government revenues themselves, is it not advisable to restore all the tanks without delay?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, but to some extent remissions are inevitable. Besides, the proposal to restore all the tanks would involve a total expenditure of something like Rs. 40 lakhs.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Why not Government formulate a ten-year programme and provide a sum of Rs. 4 lakhs every year and see that the entire work is completed within a period of 10 years from now?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is possible, but not practicable. I might however say that Government are fully alive to the importance of the restoration of minor tanks, and have been providing increased grants year after year for the purpose.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 1.

Prevention of Beggary.

Patel VEERE GOWDA moved the following resolution :—

"This Assembly recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that an Act may be passed to put an end to the nuisance of able-bodied persons resorting to beggary and that arrangements be made to train them up as artisans so that they might eke out their livelihood without nuisance to the public."

He stated that the number of able-bodied beggars was increasing from day to day and shop-keepers and house-owners were finding it a regular nuisance. At the same time, those who really deserved help were not getting help. Secondly, under the pretext of begging, several people were creating for themselves plenty of scope for committing thefts. Thirdly, a large number